Amendment of Coastal regulatory zone notification

3386. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 2001;

(b) if so, the salient features of the amendment; and

(c) how far the proposed amendments would safeguard the interests of the coastal people?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A draft notification to amend the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 has been issued *vide* S.O. 51(E) dated 11th January, 2002, inviting comments/suggestions from all concerned within 60 days from the date of the notification. In the draft notification, *inter alia*, it has been proposed to — (i) permit construction of certain essential infrastructure facilities required for local inhabitants in CRZ-III areas on a case by case basis, (ii) reduce the CRZ to 50 meters along tidal influenced water bodies in specified stretches for permitting dwelling units to local inhabitants subject to certain conditions, (iii) permit salt harvesting by solar evaporation of sea water in CRZ other than CRZ-I(i), (iv) permit setting up of non-polluting industries in the field of information technology and other service industries in CRZ-III of notified Special Economic Zones; and (v) do away with 'No Development Zone' in CRZ-III of notified Ports and Special Economic Zones.

(c) The proposed amendment to permit construction of essential infrastructure facilities in CRZ- III would benefit the coastal people.

Derecognised Zoos in Karnataka

3387. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Zoos in Karnataka, derecognised by the Central Zoo Authority;

(b) whether Bannerghatta National Park has been identified as a rehabilitation centre, to house lions, tigers, etc., from other Zoos in that State; and

(c) if so, the amount released by the Central Zoo Authority to Karnataka, for managing the rescue centres and for better management, during 2001-2002;